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FROM USREP DOWNS/ICAO

FOR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES

ASSISTANT SECRETARY D. BENNETT

ASSISTANT SECRETARY J. KATZ

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S COMMUNICATION TO SECRETARY GENERAL
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1. PER REFTEL WILL ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS IN THE SAME SEQUENCE AS
TRANSMITTED.

RE PARA 4A OF REFTEL: WOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE CONGRESSMAN
BURTON BE A MEMBER OF DELEGATION OR PRIVATE PERSON? RESPONSE:
HEAD OF USDEL WOULD PREFER BURTON AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION

IF BURTON PLANS ON COMING.

RE PARA 4B REFTTEL: WOULD YOU BE WILLING CIRCULATE THE REPORT AS AN "INFORMATION" APER TO OTHER DELS? RESPONSE: HEAD OF USDEL IS ABSOUTELY OPPOSED TO SUCH CIRCULATION. ADDITIONALLY, HE BELIEVES THAT SUCH A NOTION IS CONTRARY TO THE PROCEDURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION. (SEE MONTREAL 637 FOR TEXT SYG LETTER TO BURTON.)

RE PARA 4C REFTTEL: WITH REGARD TO SUGGESTION CHAIRMAN USDEL BE PREPARED TO ASSIST BURTON STAFF IN CIRCULATING THE REPORT, RESPONSE IS ABSOLUTELY NO. (CIRCULATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS TENDS TO ALIENATE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING DELEGATIONS. MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS ARE UNAWARE AND DISTICTLY DISINTERESTED IN US DOMESTIC HEARINGS. IN ADDITION THE GENERAL PROPOSITION OF CIRCULATING HEARING TRANSCRIPTS AND HEARING REPORTS IS VIEWED AS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE AS IT CONSTITUTES A BREACH OF ICAO PROTOCOL.)

WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 OF REFTTEL RE OBJECTIONS TO PROOPOSED VISIT BY BURTON AND/OR HIS STAFF THE FOLLOWING COUNSEL IS PROVIDED. AT THIS MEETING TO DATE THE ICAO MLS DELIBERATIONS HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY ARGUMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON A VERY HIGH PLANE. AT PRESENT THERE IS NEGLIBILE EVIDENCE OF CONCERN RE THE ISSUES THAT CONGRESSMAN BURTON WOULD BRING TO MONTREAL. WHILE THE HEAD OF THE USDEL HAS NO OBJECTION TO CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENCE, HE DOES HAVE DEEP RESERVATIONS RE POTENTIAL WEAKENING OF THE US POSITION SHOULD ISSUES EXTRANEIOUS TO THE ICAO PROCESS BE INJECTD AT THIS POINT. THERE IS NOT REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF WOULD AID AND ABET OUT PURPOSES. OF COURSE CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S STAFF SHOULD FEEL FREE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE HERE. WE CAN ASSIST. WE MUST TAKE CARE THAT UNWARRANTED INTERVENTIONS IN ICAO PROCESS ARE AVOIDED. USREP CONCURS IN ABOVE. HARPER UNQUOTE VANCE

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